

## IN THE LEGISLATURE

### "The Hands" Are Getting Busy as Time Wanes.

A Resume of Yesterday's More Important Deliberation as Bearing Upon the State in General.

The Senate, by a vote of 22 to 21, yesterday adopted a substitute by Mr. Bassett for the Dockery bill to require all railroad companies except those 215 miles in length or less, independently owned and operated to equip their locomotives with electric headlights. The substitute confers power on the Corporation Commission to require railroads to equip their engines with such lights wherever it may be deemed advisable. Discretion is given the commission, and the opponents of the substitute declare that the bill confers no power upon the commission which does not already exist under the present law. The Dockery bill makes the change from oil to electric headlights mandatory, giving the railroads four years in which to complete the installation of the electric headlights, one-fourth of the engines of each railroad company to be so equipped each year.

The House went into committee on the whole again on the machinery act, taking it up at section 34. "Reports from corporations." Amendments by Dr. Gordon substituted "Corporation Commission" for "State Auditor" and "State Treasurer" in the section and in sections 35, 37, 38 and 39 likewise. were adopted with the purpose of putting the burden of looking after the corporate excess on the commission.

Section 53, "Railroads," was amended on suggestion of the finance committee, so that all kinds of property of railroads be returned to the State commission and certified back to the county commissioners concerned, and section 55, so that taxes due from railroads be paid within thirty days after "the assessment has been certified to the State Treasurer by the Corporation Commission," instead of after "the first day of July of each year," as the law now is.

A committee amendment adopted makes it the duty of the commissioners of each county to employ a competent person to search for property not listed and put it on the books, provided the cost shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the revenue so derived, said expense to be divided between county and State.

The bill then passed its final reading and was sent to the Senate.

The House last night by a vote of 71 to 37 defeated the bill to authorize the erection of a State Agricultural Building, empowering the State Department of Agriculture to issue \$100,000 of bonds, to be paid by the department not by the State. It was as overwhelmingly defeated as the bill for half million dollar bond issue for enlarging the State Capitol.

The bill by Senator Blow to provide for a four months' school term in every school district in North Carolina, authorizing and requiring the several counties to levy a special tax for maintenance of schools for that period, and providing for an annual appropriation of \$100,000 for carrying out the provisions of the act, passed its third and final reading in the House last night and is now a law.

The Capitol joke by Mr. Barringer, of Guilford, being a joint resolution for the removal of the State Capitol to Greensboro, was ended in the Senate last night when Mr. Jones, of Wake, moved to take the bill from the calendar and then called the previous question. The resolution was recently introduced by a vote of 37 to 2, Senators Barringer and Jones voting for the resolution.

The Senate passed the bitterly contested House bill providing for the appointment of a police commission for the city of Asheville.

#### Deserved Tribute.

The Argus cordially endorses the following from the Raleigh Times of yesterday:

"No member of the House has been any more faithful nor useful than has Representative Mitchell, of the county of Wayne. Those who have read the Times' daily story of the House have noted that he always comes in at the right time with a motion or a move. Added to that, he is a fine fellow socially, and Wayne county has to be congratulated on sending such a citizen here to take care of her interests. He is another one who has not tried to tear the county up with new local laws, yet he has allowed no measure to suffer that promised any better conditions for his county. Many a member will carry pleasant recollections of Mr. Mitchell."

The "wets" called for an election at Covington, Va., and then lost out by 88 votes. You cannot always tell how "dry" a man is by looking at him.

## SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL REVIEW.

Hardware, Iron Coal and Textile Conditions in the South the Past Week.

Although several influences tended to slow down enthusiasm among hardware dealers during February, the trade has continued good the past week, setting another high mark. Only one event of the week has had a tendency to check business, and that has been in the few sections that have suffered from the high water in the tributaries of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. These sections are few and small, and the effect will be felt in only a few jobbing markets. The pending tariff measure at Washington continues to retard the operations of manufacturers, but in the main they are being rushed on by the heavy demand of jobbers, and retailers are given little time to get set in the old practice of waiting on legislation. This effect is felt to a considerable degree but much less than in past years, when Congress had such measures under consideration.

Quite a difference of opinion appears to exist between jobbers and manufacturers, the former taking the most optimistic view of things, while the latter are ultra-conservative. The retailer, however, is enjoying a splendid trade, and continues to order liberally for early delivery. Whether it is the unknown result of the tariff measure or the practice of making the other fellow carry the stock, is not known, but the fact remains that very few orders for fall delivery are being placed with jobbers. Retailers are busy enough with the spring trade, but salesmen have been unable to get their attention thus far on fall business.

The markets are remaining steady, with no changes at all in the past week. High authorities in the trade expect this condition to remain unchanged for the greater part of the spring, but declare that they can see no way of avoiding a general advance when the spring rush is over. So far as building operations are concerned, the South seldom has more doing in this line than at present. Every city in the South is having almost a building boom, many of the larger points reporting more activity than they have seen for several years. In the country also, especially with the cotton farming classes, much building is under way and this has created an unusual demand for building hardware. Leather is showing a decided tendency upward, but it is only a tendency.

#### TAFT AND THE SOUTH.

Southern Congressmen Point to the Selection of a White Republican in the Place of Dr. Crum As a Guarantee of Our New President's Good Feeling for Us.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—Southern congressmen express the opinion today that Taft will keep faith with the South. This opinion is based on the assertion that the President has selected a white Republican to succeed Crum at Charleston. It is believed the nomination of a successor to Dr. Crum will be sent to the Senate today. It is believed that all the colored office holders in the South where there is any friction will be asked to resign and that white men will be appointed in their places.

#### BALTIMORE STORM-SWEPT.

One Hundred Miles of Wire Down in the City and Property Loss a Quarter of Million.

Baltimore, Md., March 6.—Although Baltimore is still cut off from the world so far as the telegraph and telephones are concerned and trains are running as best they may without much effort to maintain a schedule, the story of the great damage wrought by the blizzard in that city is beginning to come out. One hundred miles of wire are down in the city alone, and the direct damage is at least \$250,000. For forty miles in all directions the wires are down.

The Western Union has more than 1,000 poles on their special lines with 140 wires between Baltimore and Havre de Grace down. The condition is about the same between here and Washington. The Postal is affected the same way.

#### Roosevelt a Scrapper.

Four grimy urchins sat on the street curb eulogizing President Roosevelt.

"Say, dat guy Roosevelt 'll fight at de drop of de hat!" declared one youngster, with widened eyes. "I read in de paper only last week where he bit a man's ear off!"

None of the others had read that, however, so they eagerly requested the speaker to give the details.

"It was like dis, accordin' to de paper," explained he. "Durin' a discussion in de White House over a measure de President was in favor of, one of de party started to say somethin' against it, when de President quietly leaned over and got dis guy's ear!"—The Circle Magazine for March.

## PROHIBITION

### PROGRESSING

National Congress Enacts Stringent Anti-Jug Law.

Remnants of Reconstruction Removed From the Text of Revised Statutes By Both Houses of Congress.

Washington, D. C., March 3.—The penal code bill passed the Senate this afternoon after the elimination of the obnoxious sections which the Democrats opposed as being remnants of the reconstruction era. This bill contains the anti-jug rider. It has finally run the gauntlet in both Houses and will go to the President for his signature.

From the section which declares that troops of the United States shall not be used in any State except in case of war or to keep peace at the polls, the words, "To keep peace at the polls" were stricken. The laws making for reconstruction horrors will no more find a place on the statute books.

Another section affecting the right to serve on juries, which provided that no citizen of the United States should be discriminated against in the matter of selection for jury duty because of race, color or previous condition of servitude, was eliminated from the bill. This means that negroes may be kept off juries in the South.

The anti-jug law was put on as an amendment to the code bill by the House. The Senate had adopted the measure as an independent bill, which had been reported from the Judiciary Committee by Senator Knox. It was similar to the bill originally introduced in the House by Mr. Brantley, of Georgia. The amendment prohibits any railroad or express company from acting as the agent of buyer or seller in consignment of liquor. The carrier may transport the liquor, but it must have nothing else to do with the transaction. The bill is intended to prohibit C. O. D. shipments of liquor to fictitious persons and to break up an arrangement by which the express offices have been made branch offices of the liquor houses. The bill requires that every package of liquor shipped in interstate commerce shall be plainly marked on the outside cover.

Violations are punishable by fines of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for two years, and there is an alternative to the last provision that the liquor seized may be destroyed.

#### The March "Everybody's."

"Let the buyer beware!" John Pharr says is the watchword of the Wall Street manipulator. His article in the March Everybody's is called "The Stock Yards of New York," and is the second shot fired against the ruinous practice of margin gambling. It shows by the citing of actual cases how the big speculators beat each other out of money that they have wrested from the unsophisticated outsider.

The air of the jungle, the breathless mystery of the hunt of lion and rhinoceros, are in C. Bryson Taylor's article, "The Africa That Roosevelt Will See." It is illustrated by very remarkable photographs. Richard Washburn Child describes a sterner form of sport in "Stalking the Biggest of Big Game"—the human animal. It is a striking study. Dr. William Hanna Thompson writes "As to Our 'Lives'—what we are and what makes us men and women instead of some other kind of beasts. "The Woman's Invasion" is continued by William Hard and Rheta Childe Dorr, and "The Players" contains some specially posed photographs of those who have made this season's theatrical successes.

Another feature of this issue is the frontispiece—a portrait of President-elect Taft with "An Appreciation" by James P. Brown; and Professors Williams Ames and Hugo Munsterberg give their views upon the lately completed series, "The Shadow World." Besides the fiction, which is notable, there is "A Row of Books," by J. B. Kerfoot, "The Chestnut Tree," and the "Publishers'" column.

#### THANKED FOR FAIRNESS.

Resolution to This Effect Passed Legislature Unanimously.

Raleigh, N. C., March 6.—Harshaw introduced a resolution in the House expressing his thanks to Speaker Graham for his fairness as a presiding officer. He spoke feelingly of the speaker's fairness to the minority and wanted to express for the minority their appreciation. The resolution was passed unanimously.



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**Administrator's Notice.**  
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Nicholas W. Best, deceased, late of Wayne county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Boston, N. C., on or before the 29th day of January, 1909, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
CLAUDE W. BEST,  
Administrator of Nicholas W. Best.  
This the 25th day of January, 1909.  
J26-6w.

**NOTICE OF SALE.**  
Under and by virtue of a mortgage bearing date September 26, 1907, executed by Eliza Mumford to the undersigned, registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County, North Carolina, in Book 93, Page 146, I will sell for cash by public auction at the Court House door in Goldsboro, North Carolina, on Friday, March 19, 1909, at 12 o'clock, M., the lands described in said mortgage as follows:

A certain tract of land situate in Wayne County, North Carolina, conveyed in a deed bearing date February 4, 1904, executed by Lewis Burnett to Eliza Mumford, registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County, North Carolina, in Book 86, Page 23, and therein described as follows: Adjoining the lands of Calvin Best, E. B. Borden and others, bounded as follows: Fronting on the road leading from Goldsboro to Dorch's bridge across Little River, beginning at a stake on the road, and runs S. 18 W. to a stake in the center line to a corner; N. 72 W. 106 feet to a stake; then N. 18 E. to the county road; then with the road to the beginning, containing six-tenths of an acre, more or less, being the land bought from M. C. Wagoner by said Lewis Burnett by deed, recorded in Book 47, Page 281, Register's office of said county, to which deed reference is here made, being the lands upon which Lewis Burnett resided at the time of his death.  
This the 17th day of February, 1909.  
F. A. DANIELS,  
Mortgagee.

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